

Commercial Building Front
229 Meeting Street
Charleston
Charleston County
South Carolina

HABS No. SC-306

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Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Eastern Office, Design and Construction
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ADDENDUM
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Address: 229 Meeting Street, Charleston, Charleston County,
South Carolina.

Present Use: Warehouse.

Statement of
Significance: A mid-19th century commercial-front building of
interesting architectural character, utilizing
standard cast-iron elements. Cast iron bears the
name "Phoenix Iron Works. John F. Taylor & Co."
Built c. 1850.

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The condition is apparently sound; paint on the first floor is good, but it has deteriorated on the upper portion of the facade. The front is cast iron; two stories; five bays; a 33' frontage; faces east.

First story: Arcaded, with Roman Corinthian pilasters (one capital missing) at ends, columns between. Central bay is occupied by a double door with transom. Symmetrical relief ornament centered in spandrels, conventional stalks and leaves, narrow archivolt, soffits of arches paneled. Narrow plain frieze, cornice with modillions, with end blocks carried on corbel capitals, molded, with leafy ornament on the face.

Second story: Paneled pilaster strip at each end, Corinthian pilasters between, carrying a frieze and a cornice which is double--one over the other. In each bay is a semicircular arched window with narrow architrave trim several inches outside the opening; above each is a horizontal panel with ornamental cast iron grille in the opening. End blocks on consoles are over the pilaster strips. The three central bays project slightly, the cornice following the break.

Parapet: The part over the central pavilion is curved, and higher than the parapet over the end bays.

Note: Plain portions of upper part may be stucco, with iron only for the trim.

Site: This building is on the west side of Meeting Street, opposite the end of Pinckney Street.

Prepared by Harley J. McKee, Architect
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Department of the Interior
Southeast Region
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

STATE South Carolina		COUNTY Charleston	TOWN OR VICINITY Charleston
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 229 MEETING STREET (Commercial Building Front)			HABS NO. SC-306
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE 1852 - A.S. Amano, 1855- Ambler & Selmer (Hats & Caps - Wholesale) 1910 - Charleston Fair & Racing Association, 1928 - Carolina Tire & Rubber Company 1940 - Chicco Wholesale Liquor			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 229 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) After 1838 Fire (News & Courier)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not Available	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Structure is one of a row of 19th Century commercial buildings and have housed a variety of tenants. (See Above)			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early Victorian			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick load bearing side walls, wood floor and roof framing, stucco on brick facade, cast iron columns on first floor facade			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See Attached Plans			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The basic facade is intact, although windows have been infilled with stucco and plywood. Second floor arched openings and alternating stucco pilasters, together with the iron arches on the first floor give the building a lightness uncommon to the area.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See Attached Plans			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE First floor of building used as night club. Second floor unoccupied			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation for this structure was prepared by the Office of Downtown Revitalization, City of Charleston, in compliance with the Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, HUD, EDA & Holywell Corporation (Developer)			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Property is in the Old & Historic District, both a local zoning district and a historic district on the National Register, extended in 1975. Information: derived from News & Courier articles and the City of Charleston Archives.			
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